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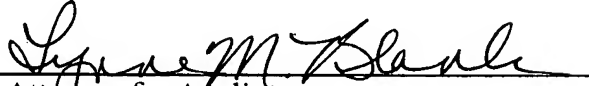
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<b>OTHER ART</b> (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)
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	Co-pending USSN _____, Rao et al. <i>Imaging Material With Improved Scratch Resistance</i> (D-85018)
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